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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/06/2007

SPONSOR Lujan, A. LAST UPDATED _____ HB 565

SHORT TITLE Mesilla Border Book Festival SB _____

ANALYST Dearing

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
\$50.0		Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Cultural Affairs Department (CAD)

Tourism Department (NMTD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 565 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund for expenditure in FY07 and FY08 to Cultural Affairs department for the purpose of planning and implementing the annual Border Book festival in Mesilla.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in House Bill 565 is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Border Book Festival – celebrating its 13th year in April 2007 – has become a nationally recognized annual event, attracting writers from all over the world. The Festival has been featured in Publisher's Weekly as one of the top regional book festivals in the U.S. The book-

fair is both a literary event drawing audiences interested in buying books as well as an educational program for aspiring writers from New Mexico and the Southwest region. Regionally known authors' works are prominently displayed and promoted during the festival.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

No performance issues for the DCA.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Department of Cultural Affairs would likely create a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or professional service contract with the provider.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Would passage of this act possibility violate the anti-donation clause of the New Mexico Constitution, Article IV., Section 31, Appropriations for Charitable, Educational, etc. purposes?

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